

COMMENTS

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CARTOON OFFENDS



I was just scanning your January-February 2008 issue and was disappointed in the cartoon on Page 3 of the print version. Having an informal conversation is one thing, but this one seems to step over the line regardless of whether you take the point of view of the lieutenant or the master sergeant. Both are in uniform, the discussion is about the mission and you have the sergeant answering the lieutenant with "Hmms" and calling the lieutenant "son." The next editorial that seeks to question the professionalism of our officers and noncommissioned officers may well have this as evidence for the prosecution.

Retired
Lt. Gen. John D. Hopper Jr.
chief executive officer
Air Force Aid Society

PLANNER IS LACKING



I wanted to send a quick note expressing my disappointment at the content of your 2008 planner. There is not one picture of an intercontinental ballistic missile, satellite, space lift vehicle or any other Air Force Space Command asset. I understand you can't represent everyone, but surely the dedicated space command professionals rate at least one out of 15 photos. Thanks for your attention.

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ORVILLE ROCKS



I just read (Orville Desjarlais') story on Korean War veterans (January-February 2008). Wow, what a great story. Once I started, I really couldn't quit reading it. I'm glad he's still writing — that sure is his talent. I felt like I was there. And the ending three paragraphs are moving and beautiful.

And I especially liked the photos of the veterans at the call and the one of Harold Fischer at the window. Please pass my kudos to Staff Sgt. Bennie Davis for the fine photographs. Keep up the good work.
Margo Wright
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In the Next Airman

Want to know what your Air Force will look like 20 years from now? Look for the May-June 2008 issue of Airman magazine for a spotlight on the secretary of the Air Force's and the chief of staff of the Air Force's views on our strategy for the future.

The secretary gives us a 50,000-foot view of challenges facing America and the capabilities the Air Force must possess to continue delivering sovereign options for securing global stability and prosperity.

The chief charts Air Force strategy for the next two decades and defines the Air Force's indispensable role in promoting and defending the national interest in his White Paper on the 21st Century Air Force.



THANKS AIR FORCE



The world is facing a phenomenon that its people detest: Terrorism. It is a problem the U.S. Air Force will face for the next 10 to 15 years, at least. Terrorists kill innocent people. We need a world without terrorism. That must be a preoccupation of all nations, which must come together to fight it. I believe America's air forces are our main support in this battle. So the Air Force of the next 15 to 20 years must be very precise in its strikes against the enemy. We support all (Air Force) actions in this fight. May God bless them all.

Agoh Alexis Agodan
Ivory Coast, Africa

OCTOBER ISSUE



Excellent article on the FOL (forward operating base) mission in Manta, Ecuador (Fall 2007). When I retired in 2002, I had the opportunity to work at the FOL with DynCorp International (which does the base support function). I loved my one year there and would go back in a second. My 23 years in the Air Force included tours to Australia, Truk Island, Ponape (now Pohnpei) Island, England and temporary duty assignments to Germany, Honduras, Estonia and Alaska, to name a few. It would be difficult to pick one place I'd like to go back to — but after reading the story, I think Ecuador would be my first choice. Keep up the great work "y muchas gracias" (many thanks).

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via e-mail

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